

EASIER HOURS PROMISED SHOP GIRLS IN RICHMOND

Broad Street Millinery, Department and Dry Goods Stores Decide to Close "Early."

WILL FACILITATE DELIVERY

"Early Closing" Movement Has Gained Greater Foothold in Richmond This Year Than Ever Before—Will Not Be Open at Night.

Shopgirls in stores on Broad Street will not labor "after hours" nor work "over time" during the Christmas holidays, for millinery, dry goods and department stores, employing female clerks have agreed to close at 6 o'clock during the holiday season. This action has been taken in order that sales people, the delivery forces, drivers and horses may get sufficient rest during the busy season and to facilitate the prompt delivery of packages. Much has been preached and written about the overworked shopgirls during the Christmas holidays, and year after year to leading stores of Richmond have gradually shortened the hours. For a long time many of the Richmond stores have closed early during the holiday season, but this year the early-closing movement has gained greater foothold than ever before.

BELIEVE PUBLIC WILL CO-OPERATE

Merchants believe that the public, especially those who have agitated shorter hours for store employes, will now show their appreciation of the early closing movement by shopping early, for the stores will not be open at night during Christmas. Despite the growing wails of calamity howlers about "hard times" and monetary stringency, W. A. Clarke, Jr., secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, who is in close touch with the leading merchants of Richmond, said last night that merchants all report large sales and good times generally. "Many of the merchants say that their sales have been even better this year than during the holiday season last year," said Mr. Clarke last night. "I have talked with nearly all of them personally, and they all say that sales have been large during the season approaching the holidays. Many of them have told me that their sales this year were better than they were during the same period last year."

Workers in the various stores of Richmond who desire to visit their homes or spend Christmas with their families, will be allowed to do so in practically every instance, according to Mr. Clarke. Newspaper reporters will be cheered at the holidays. Many of them have told me that their sales this year were better than they were during the same period last year."

Workers in the various stores of Richmond who desire to visit their homes or spend Christmas with their families, will be allowed to do so in practically every instance, according to Mr. Clarke. Newspaper reporters will be cheered at the holidays. Many of them have told me that their sales this year were better than they were during the same period last year."

Workers in the various stores of Richmond who desire to visit their homes or spend Christmas with their families, will be allowed to do so in practically every instance, according to Mr. Clarke. Newspaper reporters will be cheered at the holidays. Many of them have told me that their sales this year were better than they were during the same period last year."

GO TO SCENE OF WRECK

State Corporation Commission Begins Investigation of Jeterville Accident. Immediately upon learning of the wreck on the Southern Railway, near Jeterville, which occurred Friday afternoon, Judge Rhea, of the State Corporation Commission, dispatched Clerk Richard T. Wilson to secure a special train for a run to the scene. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the special started from Richmond. On board were Judge Rhea, Clerk Wilson, C. E. Cone, R. E. Reynolds and Burton Mayre. Mr. Cone is a special agent of the commission; Mr. Reynolds, official stenographer, and Mr. Mayre, a special civil engineer retained by the commission. The commission had every reason to believe that the wreck was in good condition, Clerk Wilson said before the

What Flowers Do for Weary Brains

The eyes and the brain of the busy man, no matter what kind of work he follows, become weary and need rest, just the same as any other part of the human body. Nothing has been found in the wide world that will give weary eyes and a tired brain more immediate rest than a few moments' gazing on a pretty bed of bright colored flowers. The contrast is so great from that which has occupied the organs until they were well nigh exhausted, and the effect is simply marvellous. Flowers in the home divert the mind and rest the weary eyes of the housewife and mother. A bouquet in the sick room aids in keeping the mind off the disease, and often starts the brain on a new channel of thought that puts the patient on the road to recovery. Flowers in the office, or on the desk of the weary clerk or stenographer, will produce such a telling effect that by actual comparison more work is accomplished by those whose eyes and brains are rested by the presence of those gifts from nature. Artists visit the parks and gardens to study the flowers, and their work is wonderfully toned up by the refreshing glimpse of all colors in nature, and no artist has ever been successful who did not study colors in the beautiful flowers.

I will pay any student, or anyone deeply engrossed by thought along any particular line which is to make their brain weary, to have a pot of bright flowers on the desk—From Sunday American, September 14.

Closest Blooms for Every Message that Flowers Can Convey. Flowers Telegraphed to all Parts of the United States.

John L. Ratcliffe
209 W. Broad

With German Emperor On Field



The Kaiser in the Field



Gen Von Kluck on Tour of Inspection

The German Emperor, with hands behind his back, stands second from left. Germany's War Minister, General von Falkenhayn, stands at his left. First at his right is Duke Albert of Wurttemberg, who has been with the German troops in Belgium. The Kaiser and the War Minister who are directing the troop movement, are surrounded by their aides-de-camp. This photograph of General von Kluck, seated in his automobile, was taken just before he sent his army into battle. He is on a tour of inspection and is giving his field officers his final orders. He and some of the officers about him are wearing cloth coverings over their polished helmets, so they will not make a shining target for the enemy's sharpshooters.

party left on the special train. There have been several inspections of the road, and the railroad company, at the instigation of the commission, made extensive improvements, renewing thousands of ties and replacing heavy rails for lighter ones. The railroad company, as required by the commission, has been making regular monthly reports on the condition of the road.

Amherst County Man Robbed. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., December 19.—J. J. Camden, of Amherst County, reported to the police last night that he was robbed by a pickpocket on a crowded street car last evening. The thief, getting \$18 from one of his pockets. The thief made his escape before the robbery was discovered, but Camden was able to describe him to the police.



To-Morrow a Whirlwind One Day Sale

100 Women's Winter Suits for

\$6.50 and \$9.50

These Prices Being so far Below Regular That Comparison Would Seem Exaggerations

MURRAY'S
317 E. BROAD ST.
Selling starts at 8:30 o'clock, to-morrow morning, when the alert will be here ready to do her choosing.

SENATOR ECHOLS DIES AT HIS HOME

(Continued from First Page.)

dent of the Senate. During the succeeding four years he devoted himself closely to his large business interests, being vice-president of the National Valley Bank, Staunton, and from April, 1905, president of that bank. In the meantime, he had kept in close touch with the politics of his county and State as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee. He acted as chairman of that body during the recent campaign when Lieutenant-Governor Elyson, its chairman, was a candidate for re-election. In August, 1905, he was again brought actively before the people of his district by his nomination to the State Senate. He resumed his seat in the Senate in 1906. In subsequent elections he was re-elected, holding his seat to the time of his death.

When the Special Tax Commission was created by the last Legislature, Senator Echols was appointed to serve with that important body, and was elected by his associates of the committee to the chair. He succeeded Senator Kessell as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Mr. Echols married on June 5, 1895, Mrs. Margaret Young, of Louisville, Ky., daughter of Colonel John Young, of that city. Mrs. Echols, with two children—Harriet and John—survives him.

PROMINENT MEMBER OF SEVERAL LODGES

Senator Echols was a member of several social and benevolent orders, and was prominent in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was fond of outdoor sports, and delighted in gunning, usually spending his vacation in the summer hunting deer in the mountains of Virginia or moose in the forests of Canada.

Senator Echols was unwell for some weeks before the work of the Tax Commission was concluded. He left Richmond for his home in Staunton the day before the report of the commission was submitted to the Governor, saying to his associates that he felt as if he were breaking in health. To others in the Capitol Building Senator Echols remarked that he did not feel at all sure that he would be able to return to Richmond for the special session of the General Assembly. He said he was a very sick man, and he knew it.

The death of Senator Echols causes another vacancy in the State Senate, which must be supplied by a special election. The election will be held in a few days, in all probability.

There remains also one vacancy in the House of Delegates, which will be supplied in the same manner. An election must be held to send a successor to Delegate Hartley, of Sussex, to the House. Delegate Hartley died on the day preceding the last general election in a hospital in Petersburg, where he had been carried after being struck by a train near Petersburg.

COPPER FOR ITALY SAFE.

British Officials Satisfied With Guarantee of Government.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—Representatives of the Western copper producing interests who called on Secretary Bryan to-day were informed that an understanding was being framed between the United States and Great Britain with every indication of success, whereby American copper would be allowed to be transported to Italy without restriction.

Most American copper is shipped "to order," or consigned directly to belligerent countries. Consequently the British government, which already had declared copper contraband, asserted the right to seize the copper. The nature of the understanding which has been reached between the British government and Italy, which will permit the resumption of the American copper trade with Italy is not disclosed, but it is understood at the State Department that the British are satisfied with the guarantees which the Italian government will extend that the copper will not reach Germany or Austria, if allowed to enter Italian ports.

PRINCIPALS' CLUB GIVES ENJOYABLE BANQUET

Chairman Ebel, of City School Board, Pays High Tribute to Dr. J. A. C. Chandler.

The Principals' Club of the Richmond City Schools gave an enjoyable banquet on Friday night to members of the City School Board, and to the superintendent and assistant superintendents, at Murphy's Hotel. W. C. Blakey, president of the club, presided at the meeting.

After he had briefly reviewed the work of the club during the past year, Mr. Blakey introduced Dr. J. A. C. Ebel, chairman of the school board, who made an interesting address. The speaker paid a glowing tribute to Dr. J. A. C. Chandler on the progress in the various schools which has been made under his administration. Mr. Ebel expressed the hope that schools will soon institute departments for vocational training for preparing boys and girls for their work in life.

In his speech before the club Dr. Chandler emphasized the importance of the school principal's position in the life of the community, and said that without the co-operation and interest of the principal it would be impossible to inaugurate progressive methods in teaching.

John Jones, a new member of the school board, addressing the meeting, urged that the school principals and members of the board co-operate in an effort to make the work a success. The Old and the New Principal was the subject of an interesting address by Professor Turner. The speaker strikingly illustrated the contrast in positions held by school principals in the past, and the high esteem in which they are now held by the public.

G. Carrington Mosley, principal of the Highland Park High School, speaking in behalf of the schools which were recently annexed to the city, expressed the hope that the joining of the schools will mean progress for all concerned. He pledged the hearty support of the schools annexed to any progressive movement directed to better educational conditions.

Forty or more persons, including school principals and members of the school board, attended the meeting. The gathering was an enthusiastic one.

INDIAN SCENE

Unique Display of Campfire in Boys' Department at Berry's.

The miniature Indian and forest scene in the children's clothing department of O. H. Berry & Co. is one of the most unique and attractive of the many beautiful Christmas exhibits to be seen in Richmond shops. The scene was arranged primarily to display children's costumes and dress, but the hands that fashioned the picture have shown such cunning that the exhibit is equal to the work of an artist. The scene shows a typical forest—trees, grass and shrubbery are all

there, and there is a blazing campfire, with logs piled high upon it. A beautiful Indian maid and a brave young warrior are seated by the fire. Half hidden in the forest foliage near-by are two youthful braves, apparently bent on mischief. The pretty face of the Indian maiden engages one of them, and he has paused to feast his eyes on her winsome smile, before he makes an attack on her companion, which he knows will banish the smile from her face. The other hunter is leaning forward to see why the attack has been delayed.

So realistic is the scene that it forms a picture which has attracted considerable comment.

Dies Suddenly on Street.

Joseph Henderson, colored, who had been in the habit of selling vegetables and roots at Seventeenth and Franklin Streets for a number of years, died suddenly yesterday while seated beside his pile of vegetables. The man was dead when Ambulance Surgeon Walker arrived at the scene.

AUTOMOBILE ATTACHED

Stage Hands at Empire Hold Scott's Car for Wages Claimed.

Under an attachment sued out late last night in the Law and Equity Court by stage hands of the Empire Theatre, Sheriff Herbert Mercer early this morning seized the automobile belonging to William Wade Scott, business manager of the Lucille La Verne Company. The stage hands complain that wages for the past week due have not been paid, and that Mr. Scott is behindhand in other payments. The attachment was gotten out at 11:30 o'clock, and the automobile was seized at 12:45 o'clock, and is now in the possession of Sheriff Mercer.

It was stated by one of the complainants that the Empire was closed last night, and that they were not previously informed that the theatre was to be closed.

His Best Gift— Shepherd's Candies

Jancy Holly Box

Special 5lb. Box for \$2

Shepherd's Candies

400 E. Broad Street
Fresh Every Minute

The Reinach Co. Inc.

107 East Broad Street

Xmas Gifts That Count

Our stock is full of just such Gifts—things that will be a lasting reminder of the giver's thoughtfulness. Many of the items offered are very special values.

45 Evening Gowns

Actual Value up to \$35.00 } \$16.75

Just the Daintiest Gowns and Dancing Frocks imaginable; no two alike in the entire lot and every one a stunning new style. This price would not pay the bare cost of materials alone. What better gift for mother, wife or daughter.

Actual \$35.00 Dresses at \$16.75.

35 Tailored Suits

Actual Value up to \$35.00 } \$19.75

Broadcloths and Gabardines, in black, navy, nigger brown, Russian green and Hague blue. Many of these Suits are handsomely trimmed with fur; all are in the latest styles. Suits that are becoming to all types and sizes. Early selections the best.

Actual \$35.00 Suits at \$19.75.

Silk Underwear and Hosiery

Dainty Accessories to every woman's wardrobe. She can't have too great a supply. We know of no better gift. "Niagara Maid" Underwear and Hosiery combine the very best in style, with extreme durability.

Silk Hosiery

"Niagara Maid" Silk Hose, in black and all the leading shades; two qualities, both the very best possible at the price.

\$1.00 and \$1.50

SPECIAL BOOT SILK, 3 pairs for \$1.00.

"Premier Brand" Boot Silk, in black and colors, all sizes. An exceptional value.

Silk Underwear

From now until Christmas we offer the following special values in "Niagara Maid" Silk Underwear. White and pink only.

Silk Vests; regular price \$1.75, at... \$1.50

Silk Blouses; regular price \$2.98, at... \$2.50

Silk Union Suits; regular price \$3.98, at... \$2.98

\$1.00 Silk Brassieres at 50c

Silk Brassieres and Corset Covers, in white and pink; a number of exceedingly handsome styles—a limited quantity at 50c.

Holiday Gloves at Bargain Prices

There is a reason for these bargain prices, and it is simply this we are closing out our Glove Department at prices which average less than cost.

2-clasp "Keyser" Brand Chamosette; 50c quality, at	39c
2-clasp "Royal" Brand P. K.; \$1.00 quality, at	79c
2-clasp "Meyer" Brand Cape; \$1.00 quality, at	79c
2-clasp "Meyer" Brand Suede; \$1.00 quality, at	79c
2-clasp "Melrose" Brand Doeskin; \$1.50 quality, at	\$1.19
2-clasp "P. K." Brand Meyer; \$1.50 quality, at	\$1.19
3-clasp "Chanut" Brand Glace; \$1.75 quality, at	\$1.39
2-clasp "Chanut" Brand Suede; \$2.00 quality, at	\$1.39
2-clasp "Chanut" Brand Glace; \$2.00 quality, at	\$1.39
12-button "Chanut" Brand Glace; \$2.50 quality, at	\$1.69
16-button "Meyers" Brand Glace; \$3.50 quality, at	\$1.98
16-button "English" Brand Doeskin; \$2.98 quality, at	\$1.98
20-button "Meyer" Brand Glace; \$1.00 quality, at	\$1.98

Other Practical Gifts

Blouses	Furs	Marabou
\$2.98 to \$10	\$10 to \$100	\$3.98 to \$10
Silk Petticoats	Separate Coats	
\$2.98 to \$10	\$10 to \$100	